

Minutes for Meeting for the Board of Directors
The Experiential School of Greensboro
Tuesday, January 10th, 2023
5:30pm
Virtual/Zoom (Meeting ID: 856 6568 3740, Passcode: 222690)

Present: Leila Villaverde, Joanna Lower, Travis Laughlin, Greg Bush, Carl Lashley, Roy Carter, Fred Adams, Tinisha Shaw

Guests: Kristen Lowe, Kristen Kevorkian, Amanda Davee Lomax, Alexis Roderick, Courtney W.

Leila Villaverde called the meeting to order at 5:32 with a Happy New Year greeting.

Approval of Agenda

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to approve the agenda. Greg Bush motioned to approve the agenda, Travis Laughlin seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval December Board Meeting Minutes

Joanna Lower shared due to personal reasons she was unable to disseminate minutes from December 13th and 14th for review. She indicated she will send out soon for review and approval will be tabled to next month.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Report from Executive Director

Tinisha Shaw shared TSEG was on break for most of December and that we have started January well. The staff participated in professional development. Staff worked with the Curriculum Facilitators and Instructional Coaches, and it went very well. During the month of January, we are focused on building community and parent engagement. We will have a few ways for parents to engage with the school community. Parent Nights/Information Nights will be hosted for those interested in enrolling in the lottery. The School Leadership Team will have its first full meeting with a parent representative in January. The Sunshine Committee is now operational. Emails were sent to the list of parent volunteers to invite them to the first planning meeting January 24. Tea Time will begin in February. This time will address a specific topic and issue facing the school community as well as a Q&A for parents. Reminders and Updates from the Executive Director is a newsletter that will be shared weekly with the school community through our email subscription listserv. Tinisha Shaw thanked parents for their patience as a new Executive Director she has been focused on building systems, and professional development, and now extending more opportunity for parent connections.

School Updates

- 1/ 2 house received laptops to support their students. The teachers will use the laptops for supplemental instruction during student centers. Looking into a free standing charging system, pricing out with IT, as well as more robust network monitoring systems.
- New Office Manager: Ms. Angela Horton (former school nurse) has come on board and has been a tremendous help already with re-organizing the records room, securing documentation of student withdrawals, and confirming that all records requests have been delivered or sent. A permanent office has been set up for the Office Manager in office space off one of the classrooms located in 3/ 4 house.
- Sunshine committee – invite sent to those on volunteer list. Ms. Vaughn is co-chairing the committee with Ms. Oliver, Ms. White, Ms. Hill, and Ms. Meyer. They have come together as a team and are excited to extend the invite to parents and come together to promote hospitality and community engagement. A suggested/optional donation of \$15 will help with start-up funds, meeting is planned for Jan 24, 4:30 – 5:30. Will be setting norms and start planning from there.
- 8th grade parent night - Jan 13 at 5:30 hosted by Ms. Oliver and Ms. White to talk about high school transitions.

Updates from Student Services

- Conducting small group sessions on wellness and problem solving. We have partnered with Cure Violence to lead some of this work. Ms. White and Mrs. Oliver will be conducting small groups with 5/ 6 and 7/ 8 to address student mental health and community.
- Remind parents to bring their green pick-up cards for car/walker lines.

Visual Art Club

- Starts this month: January 23
- 60 students registered.

Academic Goals Focus for the Month

Academic Goal 1/ Goal 2:

- Completed the first round of professional development for teachers January 3-6. The CFs along with help from our UNCG partners Christy Marhatta and Jennifer Lingle, implemented sessions on responsive classrooms, morning meetings, and building instructional units that are aligned with design-based learning and state standards. Feedback surveys will be sent out to staff this week to guide our next week of professional development in March.

Academic Goal 4:

- The current ADA from 08/22/2022 to 06/09/2023: 96.53%

Next Month's Objectives

- Update inclement weather plan, school safety plan, and school intruder plan.
- First of school informational nights will be held.

- Introducing Tea Time: Monthly meetings with parents. Will send the information about the meetings in the Reminders and Updates from the Executive Director weekly newsletter. First meeting will be in February.
- School Recruitment for the 2023-2024 school year. Applications are now open for the school lottery.

Leila Villaverde asked about 60 students in the art club. Tinisha Shaw clarified that in addition to Mr. Hammer there are a couple other staff helping for a goal of 20:1 ratio.

Leila Villaverde noted that she had asked Ms. Oliver to send out information that is shared at the 8th grade information night, in the case some parents are unable to attend.

Standing Committee Reports

There were no standing committee reports.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Leila Villaverde thanked guests for attending and explained that the next agenda item has us going into closed session. Guests can leave at this time or can wait in a waiting room while we are in closed session and return to the meeting with we return to open session. She thanked guests for choosing TESH.

1. Leila Villaverde called for a motion to go into closed session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, or condition of appointment of employees in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). Joanna Lower motioned to go into closed session, Roy Carter seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. We entered closed session at 5:55 pm. We returned to open session at 7:06 pm.

Leila Villaverde invited guest back into the meeting. Leila Villaverde called for a motion to vote on the decisions made during closed session. Travis Laughlin motioned to approve the decisions made during closed session, Roy Carter seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Joanna Lower shared TESH's charter was renewed.

Adjourn

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to adjourn. Roy Carter motioned to adjourn, Travis Laughlin seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. Leila Villaverde adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.